

What is NEPA?

SH 7

Cherryvale Rd. to 75th St.

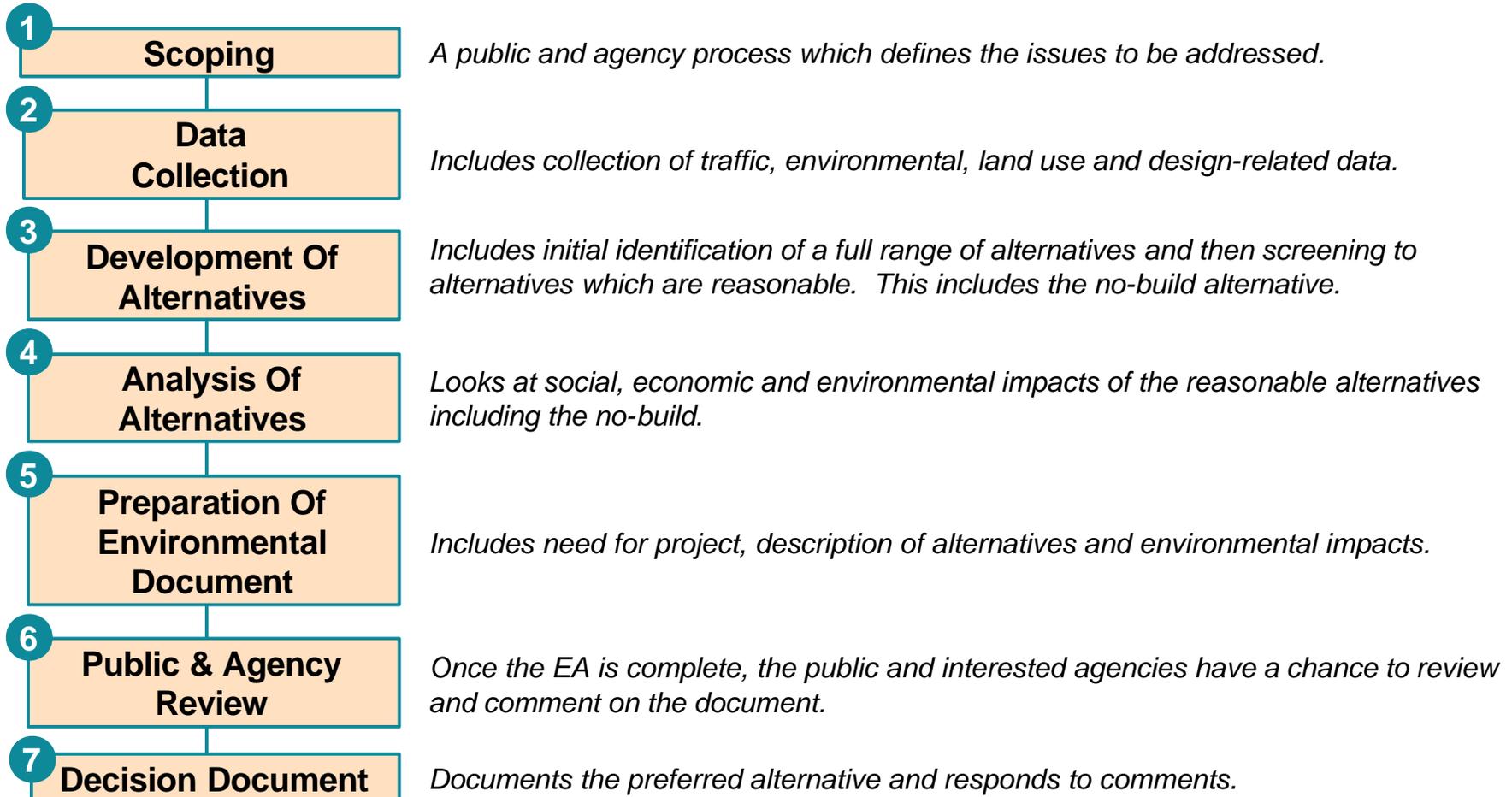
- ***National Environmental Policy Act of 1969***
- ***Directs Federal agencies to conduct environmental reviews for proposed actions***
- ***Must consider potential impacts that the action will have on the social, economic and physical environment***
- ***Fundamental objectives include interagency cooperation and public participation***
- ***Potential project impacts and mitigation measures must be documented***
- ***There are three levels of NEPA documentation***
- ***The SH 7 project is an Environmental Assessment (EA), which is the middle level***

Environmental Assessment Process

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An Environmental Assessment (EA) process consists of the following steps:



Contents of an Environmental Assessment

- **Define Purpose & Need**

- **Build Alternatives & No-Build Alternative**

- **Land Use**



- **Social**



- **Environmental Justice**

- **Air Quality**



- **Economic
(business considerations)**

- **Pedestrians and Bicycles**



- **Visual Resources**

- **Right-of-Way**

- **Parks and Recreation**



- **Hazardous Materials**



- **Noise**

- **Water Resources/Quality**



- **Wetlands**

- **Wildlife/Fisheries**



- **Floodplains**

- **Construction Impacts**



- **Threatened & Endangered Species**

- **Historical & Archaeological**

- **Farmland**



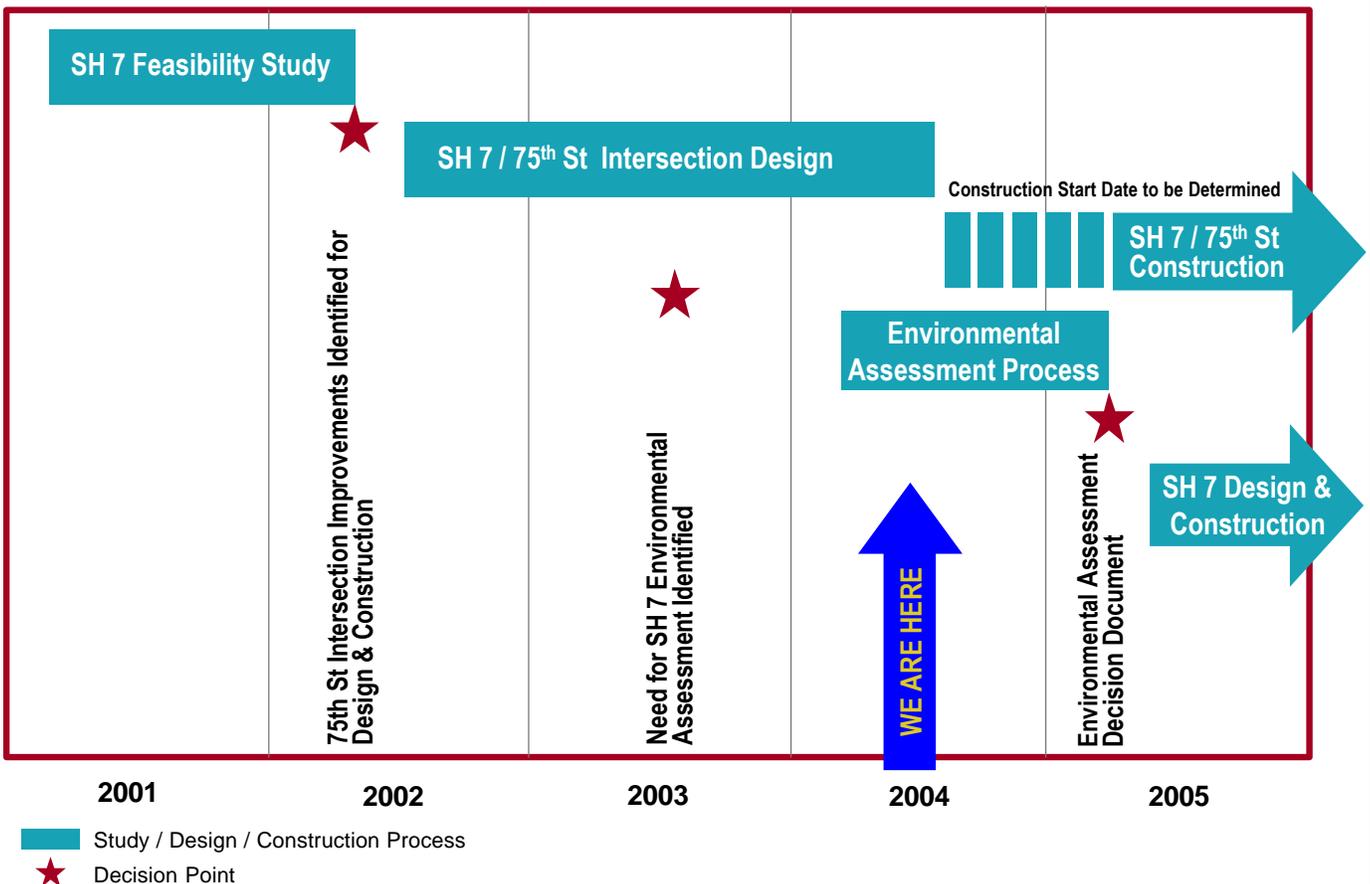
- **Cumulative Impacts**



Where We Are in the Process and Why

CDOT initiated a *process* in 2001 to *evaluate, identify, design and construct* improvements to SH 7.

- ✓ The **first** step of the CDOT *process* produced a feasibility study that evaluated alternatives and identified initial improvements based upon the highest need. The intersection of SH 7 and 75th Street was identified to be designed and constructed.
- ✓ The **second** step of the CDOT *process* resulted in the design of comprehensive, multi-modal improvements to the SH 7 and 75th Street intersection. The design is close to completion and construction of these improvements is anticipated to begin in late 2004 or early 2005.
- ✓ The on-going CDOT evaluation *process* of SH 7 has identified an additional step requiring that enhancements to the SH 7 corridor between Cherryvale Road and 75th Street be developed and evaluated to determine if significant environmental or social impacts are anticipated to result from possible improvements. The current Environmental Assessment (EA), following NEPA requirements, will evaluate these impacts.
- Should a “build” alternative be identified through the EA process, CDOT anticipates designing and constructing improvements to SH 7 between 2005 and 2008.



What We Need From You

Voice Your Support – As you proceed through the presentation graphics, be sure to complete the Comment sheets. This will give CDOT direct feedback on what you think about the project and the presented alternatives.



Ask Questions – Representatives from CDOT and the design team are here to answer your questions.



Share Your Comments – The main reason for this open house is for CDOT and the design team to get your feedback on the alternative design concepts. Please share your thoughts and take a few minutes to fill out a Comment Sheet.

